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VIOLATION OF PRIVACY ON INTERNET
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report on India's surveillance laws and mechanisms was released by the Internet Governance Forum in Istanbul.

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the report has raised concern on violation of privacy pointing to the absence of laws in India to protect individual privacy;

(d) if so , the reaction of Government thereto and the corrective measures to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether 25% of the people left out of digital world are Indians; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the government to bridge this gap?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): No official Information in this regard is available.

(e) and (f): According to the recent report published by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), the number of internet users would cross 300 million by December, 2014. Also India has over 924 million mobile subscribers.

Government is taking several steps to increase the penetration of internet in the Country. The steps taken include laying down of optical fibre to Gram Panchayat under National Optical Fibre Network initiative (NOFN), increasing the number of Common Service Centres (CSCs) to 2.5 Lakhs, i.e. one CSC in each Gram Panchayat, universal access through phones and providing IT literacy training to one person in every household.